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Serial No. 09/557,872, filed April 24, 2000;
Serial No. 09/580,601, filed May 26, 2000;
Serial No. 09/580,909, filed May 26, 2000; and
Serial No. 09/580,581, filed May 26, 2000.

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 - d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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Respectfully submitted,

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